

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 547

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A RESOLUTION to commend Lauren Varney Plunk for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as a dedicated professional with the Comptroller of the Treasury's Office.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Comptroller of the Treasury Chief of Staff Lauren Varney Plunk is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Plunk began her career in Tennessee State government in 2008 as a legislative intern for House Republican Leader Jason E. Mumpower; upon graduating with her bachelor's degree, she worked for the House of Representatives Republican Caucus as a campaign manager; and

WHEREAS, she then joined the Office of Secretary of State Tre Hargett; her service with Comptroller of the Treasury Justin P. Wilson began in 2011; and

WHEREAS, during the past eight years with the Comptroller's Office, Lauren Plunk has served in a variety of roles, assuming increasing levels of leadership; she supported Tennessee's small businesses by serving as the State's Small Business Advocate; and

WHEREAS, since June 2014, Lauren Plunk has served as the Comptroller's Deputy Chief of Staff or Chief of Staff; in these roles, she has supported the Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller on a wide range of operational, accountability, and oversight matters; and

WHEREAS, she has been an integral part of the Comptroller's leadership team and has helped to shape the Office's culture and work environment; her contributions have been instrumental in the Office's continued recognition as a Top Workplace in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career in State government, Lauren Plunk has earned a reputation as an agent for change, seeker of knowledge, and mentor to her staff; her drive for innovation, creative problem solving, and leadership will be missed; and

WHEREAS, a native of Kingsport, she attended the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, from which she graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in political science; she received her Juris Doctor from the Nashville School of Law and is licensed to practice law in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Lauren Plunk was awarded a certificate of completion for the Senior Executives in State and Local Government Program from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Lauren Plunk is the loving wife of husband, Jared Plunk, and proud mother of daughter, Lola, and son, Quillin; the family attends Cross Point Church; and

WHEREAS, in her spare time, she enjoys dressing like an East Nashville hipster, rocking out to the inimitable Shawn Carter, snacking on Five Points Pizza, going on zoo dates with the family, playing soccer with Lola, taking walks at McCabe Park with Quillin, organizing her planner, and aspiring to be like Marie Kondo; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly wish to congratulate Lauren Plunk on her very successful career in State government, thank her for her dedication to the Comptroller's Office, and wish her all the best on her next adventure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Chief of Staff Lauren Varney Plunk for her honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee with the Comptroller of the Treasury's Office and thank her for her part in making State government work better.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.